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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: FRG COMMENT ON GORDIAN SHIELD

REF: USNATO 4217 DTG 291349Z JUL 76 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN OFFICE CBM OFFICIAL GESCHER ASKED US ON JULY 30 WHETHER THE U.S. INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE THE EXERCISE GORDIAN SHIELD. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE PROVIDED US WITH THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED FRG NOTIFICATION WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE GERMAN NATO DELEGATION EARLIER THIS WEEK. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. WITH REFERENCE TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT OF AUGUST 1, 1975 (DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT), THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HEREWITH ANNOUNCES THE MANEUVER "GORDIAN SHIELD." BESIDES FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AN ARMORED BRIGADE OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES WILL TAKE PART IN THE MANEUVER WHICH HAS A TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF ABOUT 37,000 SOLDIERS. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN HESSE
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FROM SEPTEMBER 7 TO 11, 1976 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF

EXERCISE "REFORGER 76." DETAILS ABOUT THE PURPOSE AND LEVEL OF CONTROL OF THE MANEUVER AS WELL AS ABOUT PARTICIPATING TROOP UNITS WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION OF THE MANEUVER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END TEXT.

3. GESCHER SAID IT WAS THE FRG'S INTENTION TO HAVE GERMAN EMBASSIES LOCATED IN THE PARTICIPATING STATES' CAPITALS TRANSMIT THE ABOVE NOTIFICATION, WHEN APPROVED BY THE U.S., TOGETHER WITH THE "GROSSER BAER" NOTIFICATION IN ONE ENVELOPE TO THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES. GESCHER SAID THE FRG PLANS TO HAVE ITS EMBASSIES NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENTS ON AUGUST 16 OF THESE MANEUVERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON REACTION TO THE DRAFT FRG TEXT AND INFORMATION WHEN THE U.S. DRAFT NOTIFICATION ON GORDIAN SHIELD WILL BE PROVIDED.
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